

## Message

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**Subject:** RE: Timing of ECRCO Investigation into Ashurst Bar/Smith Community Organization Complaint and SouthWest Organizing Project Complaint

Hello Marianne, Jonathan, Suzanne, Leah and Eric,

I have had an opportunity to review your letter. ECRCO would be happy to meet with you, Marianne, Jonathan, Suzanne and Leah to discuss the questions you raise about the Ashurst Bar/Smith Community Organization Complaint. Likewise, we would be happy to meet with you Eric, to discuss the questions you raise about the SouthWest Organizing Project Complaint. I have asked Debra McGhee, ECRCO's Team Lead, to contact you in order to identify dates and times when you would be available for each of the meetings via conference call. Thank you again for your letter.

Lilian

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Thank you.

On Aug 21, 2018, at 12:33 PM, Dorka, Lilian <[Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov](mailto:Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Marianne,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your note below and attached letter. We will take a look.

Thank you,

Lilian

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Dear Director Dorka,

Attached please find a letter submitted jointly on behalf of the Ashurst Bar Community Organization (ABSCO) and the SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) to seek clarity and raise concerns about the timing of EPA's investigations into complaints filed by ABSCO, EPA Case # 16R-17-R4, and SWOP, EPA Case # 13R-14-R6. Recently, representatives of ECRCO communicated to counsel in both cases that EPA intended to close both complaints "by the end of the fiscal year." As you know, EPA has the responsibility for ensuring civil rights compliance by recipients of federal funds from EPA, and we want to be clear that EPA's investigations must not only be timely but also thorough. We seek clarity about the relevance of the fiscal year and why EPA would impose what seem like arbitrary deadlines with respect to these two administrative complaints rather than pursue factual information and, in the SWOP case, allow the parties to seek resolution through ADR.

We greatly appreciate your attention to this question.

Sincerely,

Marianne

Marianne Engelman Lado  
on behalf of ABSCO

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